MOTIONS RE: VICTORY IN TUNISIA AND FELICITATIONS TO HIS HIGHNESS THE ELAYA RAJA.

PRESIDENT: Two special motions have been brought up, one in regard to the victory in Tunisia and the other in regard to the success of His Highness the Elaya Raja in the recent B. A. Degree Examination. I take it that the idea of the House is that they should be put from the Chair. In pursuance of that idea I put them from the Chair.

The motion of Mr. K. G. Govindan is to the following effect. "This House wishes to express its joy and thankfulness for the brilliant victory of the Allies in Tunisia and exhorts the people of this country to continue the same systematic support to war efforts of the Allies till the day of final Allied Victory." I have already given expression to the sentiments which I am sure the honourable members of this House have reciprocated. I put the motion to the vote.

The motion was put and carried *nem con.*

The other motion is "This Assembly begs respectfully to tender its most sincere felicitations to His Highness the Elaya Raja on His Highness's distinguished success in the recent B. A. Degree Examination." Notices have been given by Mr. S. Narayana Pillai and Mr. K. G. Govindan. In putting this motion I need only say that the people of this State and indeed the people of all Indian States generally should be full of rejoicing that a scion of the Royal Family of Travancore has so distinguished himself in the field of academic studies. His success has been conspicuous. He gets first place in Sanskrit in the State and he has taken a distinguished place both in his special subject and in English. May he continue and perfect his studies and when in the fulness of time greater responsibilities come to him, may he be fortified by the study and the reflection which will follow it and become supremely fit for occupying any position which he may be called upon to fill.

The motion was put and carried *nem con.*

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND I—EXCISE.

MR. P. G. NARAYANAN UNNITHAN: Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 500 for the entertainment of additional staff for preventive work in the High Ranges. For the protection of State Revenue it has been found necessary for some time past, to send additional men for patrol work to the frontiers especially between Chellarkoil and Bodimettu. The menace from the criminal tribes on the British Indian side of this frontier was being increasingly felt and after the imposition of the cardamom duty it was found absolutely necessary to send more men for patrol work. We have a small unit of armed reserve men for protecting tobacco revenue by patrol work on the Cochin frontier. Part of that unit was being sent to this place. But it is not possible to send these people to the High Ranges for all time without prejudice to their normal work. But more men are required in the High Ranges especially after the recent

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